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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF PULP

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

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Dear Madam:

In response to the official action mailed ${\tt June~19,~2009},$ in which claims 1-7 were rejected, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

In response to the official action dated December 5, 2008, in this case, applicant amended the claims, and was apparently successful in overcoming all of the rejections therein. The Examiner, however, has now cited new art, which is believed to be highly inferior even to the art which was cited and overcome in the prior official action in this case. Applicant will thus attempt to convince the Examiner that this is the case, and that the present claims are clearly and patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Bose in view of Lake under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner contends that Bose discloses separation apparatus 20 intended for use with engine air discharge and states that an